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Public Meeting on Future Illinois 53 Improvements

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be hosting a public meeting Nov. 10 on the potential need for future improvements to Illinois 53 from West Arsenal Road to U.S. 52 (Doris Avenue) in Will County.

The public meeting will be in an open-house format, taking place at the following time and location:

**Nov. 10, 2015
4 – 7 p.m.
Stone City VFW
124 Stone City Drive
Joliet, Ill. 60436**

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain input on the transportation issues along Illinois 53 and to inform the public on ways to be involved in the planning process. There currently are no planned improvements to Illinois 53 between West Arsenal Road and U.S. 52 in IDOT's 2016-21 Proposed Highway Improvement Program, but they will be considered for future programs.

Exhibits will be on display and an audio-visual presentation will be shown continuously during the hearing. Project team members will be present to discuss the project and to answer questions. Written comments can be submitted at the hearing or submitted through the project website, www.IL53corridor.org. They also can be emailed to IL53corridor@ClarkDietz.com or sent to Illinois Department of Transportation, Bureau of Programming, Attn: Chris Kersten, 201 W. Center Court, Schaumburg, Ill., 60196-1096

The meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance can contact Chris Kersten at (847) 705-4633. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or similar accommodations can notify IDOT's TTY/TTD number at (800) 526-0844 or 711; TTY users who speak Spanish can call (800) 501-0864 or 711. For Telebraille, dial (877) 526-6670. All requests should be made at least five days prior to the meeting.